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FOR: MODIFIED STANNIC OXIDE SOL, STANNIC OXIDE-ZIRCONIUM OXIDE

COMPOSITE SOL, COATING COMPOSITION AND OPTICAL ELEMENT

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 25, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1–14, for examination.

Applicants also provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, the following species: SnO₂/ZrO₂ composite particles (claims 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14), the sol particle coating comprising an alkylamine-Sb₂O₅ compound (claims 1–3 and 7–10), the process with a hydrothermal treatment in step (a) (claims 9, 10, 13, and 14) and with an anion exchanger in step (d) (claims 8, 10, 12, and 14).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.